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Army officer charged with security violations

MIAMI, FL -- U.S. Army Colonel Jack Farr, assigned to Joint Task Force (JTF) Guantanamo (GTMO) at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, has been charged today with violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). He is charged with one specification of failing to obey a lawful general order in violation of Article 92, UCMJ, and one specification of making a false official statement in violation of Article 107, UCMJ. Specifically, Farr is charged with wrongfully transporting classified material without the proper security container on or about October 11, 2003, and making a false statement in the course of the investigation into his handling of classified material.

The charges against Farr have been forwarded to the Commander, JTF-GTMO, who exercises Special Court-Martial Convening Authority over him. The JTF Commander has authority to dispose of the case as he deems appropriate. Options include dismissing the charges, referring them to a special court-martial, or directing a pretrial investigation under Article 32 of the UCMJ. The time and location of any proceedings that may be conducted have not yet been determined.

Farr has been on temporary duty at Guantanamo Bay for 6 months serving as an intelligence staff officer.

Farr has been assigned two attorneys from the Army's Trial Defense Service: Major Wendy Dankis and Captain Paul Golden. Farr also has the right to retain civilian defense counsel to represent him at no expense to the government.

The investigation is ongoing and no further details are available at this time. More information may be found at <http://www.southcom.mil/>

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